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For: A NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT
CONTAINING A NUCLEIC ACID DERIVED
FROM THE GENOME OF HEPATITIS C
VIRUS (HCV) OF GENOTYPE 2a, AND A
CELL HAVING SUCH NUCLEIC ACID
CONSTRUCT INTRODUCED THEREIN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.